

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
**AND OTHER**  
**OFFICERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY**  
**For Year Ending December 31, 1956**

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KEENE, N. H.  
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## COUNTY OFFICERS

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### COMMISSIONERS

|                  |         |
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| DAYTON L. PARK   | Keene   |
| HAROLD O. PIERCE | Walpole |
| RALPH E. BOYNTON | Jaffrey |

### TREASURER

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| J. EUGENE FELCH | Keene |
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### SOLICITOR

|                     |       |
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| JOSEPH T. CRISTIANO | Keene |
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### SHERIFF

|                 |       |
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| FRANK W. WALKER | Keene |
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### CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

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| CHARLES J. CONTAS | Keene |
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### JUDGE OF PROBATE

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| HARRY C. LICHMAN | Keene |
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### REGISTER OF PROBATE

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| ESTHER G. BENNETT | Keene |
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### REGISTER OF DEEDS

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| D. REED CHAPLIN | Keene |
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### MEDICAL REFEREE

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| WALTER H. LACEY, M. D. | Keene |
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### COUNTY PHYSICIAN

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| GEORGES E. PREVOST, M. D. | Keene |
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### SUPERINTENDENT AT COUNTY FARM

|                 |              |
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| ROYAL S. McGIRR | Westmoreland |
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### MATRON

|                 |              |
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| MARGARET McGIRR | Westmoreland |
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### PHYSICIAN AT MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL

|                           |            |
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| THOMAS F. O'CONNOR, M. D. | Winchester |
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### AUDITORS

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| DORIS W. MORGAN     | Keene |
| MICHAEL B. MOYNIHAN | Keene |

### DEPUTY SHERIFFS

|                     |             |
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| V. RICHARD CHAMBERS | Keene       |
| DENNIS J. GRIFFIN   | No. Walpole |
| ERNEST L. GOODALL   | Rindge      |
| GEORGE W. SCHNYER   | Winchester  |
| HARRY SPOONER       | Alstead     |
| LUCIEN VIGNEAULT    | Jaffrey     |
| DON J. WILLIAMS     | Keene       |
| RALPH R. WINHAM     | Marlow      |
| HARRIET W. WRIGHT   | Keene       |

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## MEMBERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

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|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| WALTER J. POST        | Chesterfield |
| CHARLES R. THOMAS     | Dublin       |
| LEWIS R. PIKE         | Fitzwilliam  |
| ORSON G. SMITH        | Hinsdale     |
| LENNA W. PERRY        | Jaffrey      |
| CARL C. SPOFFORD      | Jaffrey      |
| CHARLES P. HALEY      | Ward 1 Keene |
| HOWARD W. KIRK        | " " "        |
| JAMES E. McCULLOUGH   | Ward 2 Keene |
| KIRKE W. WHEELER      | " " "        |
| FRANK J. BENNETT      | Ward 3 Keene |
| EDWARD E. BROWN       | " " "        |
| LEROY E. CODDING      | Ward 4 Keene |
| FRANCIS F. FAULKNER   | " " "        |
| LAURENCE M. PICKETT   | Ward 5 Keene |
| HUGH F. WALING        | " " "        |
| CHARLES E. CARLTON    | Marlboro     |
| JOHN F. BROWN         | Marlow       |
| HARRY E. SHERWIN      | Rindge       |
| †ROY TERRILL          | Surry        |
| KENNETH LANE          | Swanzy       |
| JOHN EDWARD BOUVIER   | Swanzy       |
| FRANKLIN L. LANG      | Troy         |
| LOUIS S. BALLAM       | Walpole      |
| E. EVERETT RHODES     | Walpole      |
| JOHN TERRY            | Westmoreland |
| FREDERICK H. INGHAM   | Winchester   |
| ALEXANDER P. THOMPSON | Winchester   |

†Resigned

## DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| HOMER S. TILLSON | Gilsum      |
| CASPER BEMIS     | Harrisville |
| JANET TOLMAN     | Nelson      |
| F. RALPH WHITNEY | Richmond    |
| EDWIN B. ELLIS   | Roxbury     |
| WILLIAM F. LANE  | Stoddard    |
| HARVEY W. SWETT  | Sullivan    |

## CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

Westmoreland, N. H.

March 24, 1956

The annual meeting of the Cheshire County Convention was held at the County Farm on Saturday, March 24, 1956. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A. M. by Chairman Francis F. Faulkner with the following members present: Post, Thomas, Smith, Haley, Kirk, McCullough, Bennett, Brown of Keene, Coddington, Faulkner, Waling, Capron, Brown of Marlow, Lane, Bouvier, Ballam, Rhodes, Terry, Ingham, Thompson, Perry and Pickett. Delegates to the County Convention present: Bemis, Tillson, Tolman and Swett.

The chair declared that a quorum was present.

The chair announced that Mr. Terrill of Surry had resigned.

On motion of Mr. Tillson, duly seconded, Mr. Terry was nominated and duly elected as Clerk **pro tempore** in the absence of Mr. Lang.

The chairman reported that the Executive Committee at a recent meeting had studied the proposed budget and would make its recommendations in the form of a motion by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas moved, duly seconded, that the following be the 1956 budget for Cheshire County:

|                                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Salaries of commissioners                     | \$4,500 00 |
| Salary of treasurer                           | 400 00     |
| Salaries of auditors                          | 200 00     |
| Salary of solicitor                           | 2,000 00   |
| Salary of medical referee                     | 500 00     |
| Salary of sheriff                             | 1,500 00   |
| Expenses of above officers, excepting sheriff | 7,000 00   |
| Expenses of register of deeds                 | 2,200 00   |
| Expenses of register of probate               | 2,250 00   |
| Expenses of sheriff department                | 5,000 00   |
| Care and supplies of court house              | 4,500 00   |
| Superior court                                | 32,000 00  |
| Board of prisoners, Manchester and Keene      | 1,800 00   |
| County farm                                   | 110,000 00 |
| Support of poor off farm                      | 7,000 00   |
| Old age assistance                            | 7,500 00   |
| Board and care of children                    | 22,500 00  |
| Aid to dependent soldiers                     | 2,000 00   |
| Aid to totally disabled                       | 1,500 00   |
| Welfare administration                        | 4,000 00   |
| County farm, new equipment                    | 6,000 00   |

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Repairs of county buildings           | 5,000 00     |
| Register of deeds rebinding old books | 500 00       |
| Interest on temporary loans           | 1,500 00     |
| State retirement                      | 1,500 00     |
| County extension service              | 13,950 00    |
| Elliot Community hospital             | 3,000 00     |
| Delegation expense                    | 1,000 00     |
| Blue cross for employees              | 400 00       |
| Miscellaneous                         | 1,000 00     |
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|                                       | \$252,200 00 |
| Less estimated revenue                | 40,000 00    |
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| Amount to be raised by county tax     | \$212,200 00 |

That the delegation vote to withdraw from capital reserve the total amount of capital and interest and apply it towards paying bonds and interest due in 1956 and that the accumulated interest on invested bond money with whatever amount is necessary from cash surplus added to said capital fund be used to pay bonds and interest amounting to \$28,958.00 due in 1956.

That the sum of \$6,000.00 be taken from cash surplus and be placed in a capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing a photostat machine and supplies for the register of deeds.

That the sum of \$2,500.00 be taken from cash surplus to be used for radio service as recommended by fire mutual aid.

That the county commissioners be authorized to use a sum from cash surplus not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the purpose of paying the necessary expense of social security.

Mr. Thomas moved to amend his motion by increasing the item "Repairs to county buildings" from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and increasing the total to be raised by taxation to \$214,200. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ingham.

On motion, duly seconded, the previous question was ordered. The motion offered by Mr. Thomas, as amended, was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Pierce reported for the special committee to study the feasibility of renovations to the County Farm buildings:

Mr. Haley moved, duly seconded, that the chairman be directed to select an appropriate time and place for a public hearing on the report of the special committee. Mr. McCullough offered an amendment that the chairman notify the delegation of the time and place for the public hearing by mail at least seven days prior thereto and that notice of the public hearing be published in the Keene daily and weekly Sentinel and the Manchester Union at least seven days before the hear-

ing. On motion duly seconded the previous question was ordered.

The amendment was duly adopted and the motion as amended was passed.

Mr. Rhodes offered the following resolution which was duly adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the members of the county delegation, County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire, do go on record as expressing to Mr. and Mrs. Royal E. McGirr, our sincere appreciation of the excellent work they have been doing in maintaining and improving both the facilities and the general atmosphere at the county farm in Westmoreland, and our hopes that we may continue to enjoy their services for years to come.

On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Adjourned at 1:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. TERRY, JR.,  
Clerk Pro Tempore.

A true copy: Attest:

JOHN H. TERRY, JR.,  
Clerk Pro Tempore.

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A special meeting of the County Convention was held at the Court House in Keene on May 28, 1956. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 P. M. with the following members present:

Post, Thomas, Pike, Smith, Perry, Spofford, Haley, McCullough, Wheeler, Bennett, Brown of Keene, Faulkner, Waling, Carlton, Brown of Marlow, Lane of Swanzey, Lang, Ballam, Rhodes, Terry, Ingham, Thompson, Bouvier, Coddington. Delegates to the Convention: Tillson, Bemis, Tolman, Whitney, Lane of Stoddard and Swett.

The chairman declared that a quorum was present and then read the call of the meeting as follows:

Pursuant to a written request of me by the County Commissioners, there will be a special meeting of the County Convention on Monday, May 28, 1956, at 8:00 P. M. at the Court House in Keene, for the purpose of proceeding with the construction of a County Infirmary in Keene, or as an alternative thereto, to see if it is the desire of the convention to authorize renovations to be made to the present County Infirmary building at Westmoreland.

Mr. Brown of Keene offered the following motion, duly seconded:

That the County engage the services of Harry Page of

Community Services Associates to make a survey and report of the present and future needs of Cheshire County in the field of institutional care and rehabilitation of the aged and infirm. A sum not to exceed \$700.00 to be taken from surplus is hereby appropriated for this purpose and a special meeting of the Convention shall be held at a time and date to be selected by the Chairman within thirty (30) days to consider said report and to take action on a building program for Cheshire County. A copy of this report shall be mailed to each member of the Convention prior to the special meeting.

The special committee consisting of the County Commissioners, the Long Range Planning Committee and the Chairman are hereby designated as a liaison committee to work with Mr. Page during the course of this study.

Messrs. Faulkner, Thomas, Waling, Terry, Bemis, Bennett and Mrs. Tolman spoke in favor of the motion.

Messrs. McCullough, Brown of Marlow, Smith and Rhodes spoke against the motion.

Mr. Smith moved, duly seconded, that further consideration of Mr. Brown's motion be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Brown of Marlow demanded the yeas and nays and the roll was called with the following result:

**Yeas:** Post, Pike, Smith, Spofford, Haley, McCullough, Wheeler, Brown of Marlow, Ballam, Rhodes, Ingham, Thompson, Tillson, Lane of Stoddard, Swett.

**Nays:** Thomas, Perry, Bennett, Brown of Keene, Coddling, Waling, Carlton, Lane of Swanzey, Bouvier, Lang, Terry, Bemis, Tolman and Whitney.

The Chair exercised its right to vote thereby creating a tie vote and the motion was declared lost.

The question being on Mr. Brown's motion and Mr. Waling demanded the yeas and nays and the roll was called with the following result:

**Yeas:** Thomas, Perry, Bennett, Brown, Coddling, Waling, Carlton, Lane of Swanzey, Bouvier, Lang, Terry, Bemis, Tolman and Whitney.

**Nays:** Post, Pike, Smith, Spofford, Haley, McCullough, Wheeler, Brown of Marlow, Ballam, Rhodes, Ingham, Thompson, Tillson, Lane of Stoddard, Swett.

The Chair exercised its right to vote to create a tie vote. The motion was declared lost.

Mr. Waling moved, duly seconded, that the Convention adjourn. On a division vote, 12 members voting in the affirmative, and 15 in the negative, the motion to adjourn did not prevail.

Mr. Rhodes moved, duly seconded, that the action taken by this delegation on August 12, 1955, relative to construction of

a new infirmary building in Keene be rescinded.

Messrs. Rhodes and McCullough spoke in favor of the motion. Mrs. Tolman and Messrs. Thomas, Carlton spoke against the motion. On motion duly seconded, the previous question was ordered.

The question being on the motion offered by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Waling, demanded the yeas and nays and the roll was called with the following result:

**Yeas:** Post, Pike, Smith, Spofford, Haley, McCullough, Wheeler, Coddington, Tillson, Brown of Marlow, Ballam, Rhodes, Terry, Ingham, Thompson, Lane of Stoddard, and Swett.

**Nays:** Thomas, Perry, Bennett, Brown, Waling, Bemis, Tolman, Whitney, Carlton, Lane of Swanzey, Bouvier and Lang. And the motion prevailed.

Mr. McCullough moved, duly seconded, that the Board of County Commissioners be authorized to prepare specifications and secure bids for the renovation of present facilities at the County Farm for an infirmary in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report submitted by Edward Sears, Read & Associates; and that said Commissioners be further authorized to award the contract for said renovations to the lowest bidder; the funds for such purpose to be drawn from the proceeds of the present bond issue; and that the Commissioners be further authorized to redeem any and all bonds beyond that required for renovation of the present County facilities.

Mr. Ingham moved, duly seconded, to amend to require approval of plans by state agencies and the Convention for its duly appointed committee.

Mrs. Tolman moved, duly seconded, to further amend by limiting the sum to be spent for renovation to \$111,500.00.

Mr. Brown of Keene moved, duly seconded, that Mr. McCullough's motion and pending amendments thereto be laid on the table. On a **viva voce** the motion carried.

Mr. Terry moved, duly seconded, that the Convention request the County Commissioners to prepare plans for minimum remodeling of the County Farm which will have the written approval of the State authorities including the Hospital Advisory Council; that they obtain competitive bids for the work and that they present these plans and bids in detail together with written approval of the Hospital Advisory Council to this Convention for approval on or before August 6, 1956.

Mrs. Tolman, moved, duly seconded to amend the motion by inserting after the word "Commissioners" the words "and a building committee of three to be appointed by the Chairman to act jointly with the Commissioners".

Mr. Terry agreed to accept Mrs. Tolman's amendment as part of his motion.

On a **viva voce** the motion as amended prevailed.

The Chair subsequently appointed as members of the building committee Messrs. Rhodes, Smith and McCullough.

Mr. Thomas moved, duly seconded, that the old building committee be dissolved. On a **viva voce** the motion prevailed.

Mr. Spofford offered a resolution, duly seconded, that the Convention extend to Mr. Sherwin of Rindge, its heartfelt sympathy on learning of Mrs. Sherwin's death, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Sherwin.

On a **viva voce** the resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk.

A true copy: Attest:

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk.

A special meeting of the County Convention was held at the Court House on October 22, 1956. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. with the following members present: Post, Pike, Smith, Perry, Haley, McCullough, Wheeler, Bennett, Brown of Keene, Coddington, Faulkner, Waling, Carlton, Sherwin, Lane of Swanzey, Bouvier, Ballam, Rhodes, Terry, and Ingham. Delegates to the Convention: Tillson, Bemis, Tolman, Lane of Stoddard, and Swett.

The Chairman declared that a quorum was present and then read the call of the meeting:

October 3, 1956

Pursuant to a request by the County Commissioners, there will be a meeting of the County Convention on October 22, 1956, at 7:30 P. M. at the Court House in Keene, for the purpose of considering the vote on renovations to be made to the present County Farm buildings at Westmoreland.

FRANCIS F. FAULKNER, Chairman  
County Convention.

On motion of Mr. Sherwin, duly seconded, Mrs. Perry was unanimously elected to serve as Clerk Pro Tempore in the absence of the Clerk.

Mr. Waling raised the question of his right to vote in the Convention inasmuch as he has changed his residence from Ward 5 to Ward 2 in Keene. The Chair ruled that Mr. Waling would have the right to vote in the meeting.

Commissioner Harold Pierce and Mr. McCullough gave a

report of the special building committee. Mr. Edward Sears Read, the architect employed by the county, gave an explanation of the proposed plans for renovating the County Farm. It was explained that working drawings for renovating the infirmary and the old women's building so-called had been prepared and are ready to be put up for bids. The cost of these renovations was estimated at \$75,000. Mr. Read explained that working drawings for renovations to the main building and the small men's building so-called would be completed if so ordered by the delegation and the estimated cost of these renovations would be \$35,000.

Mr. Pierce stated that the written approval of Mr. Billings of the Hospital Advisory Council had not been obtained.

Mr. Bemis moved and was seconded by Mr. Terry that the Commissioners be authorized to place for bids the working drawings of the infirmary and the women's building so called and that the committee further engage the services of Edward Sears Read Associates to make working drawings for improvements in the main building and that the Commissioners place these drawings also for bids, provided they meet with the approval of all State agencies concerned. On a division vote eighteen members voted in the affirmative and three in the negative and the motion prevailed. Mrs. Perry and Messrs. Waling and Bouvier asked to be recorded as opposed to the motion.

Meeting October 22, 1956

On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

LENNA W. PERRY,  
Clerk, Pro Tempore.

A true copy: Attest:

LENNA W. PERRY,  
Clerk, Pro Tempore.

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## REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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To the citizens of Cheshire County:

In keeping with the statutes of the State of New Hampshire, The Commissioners present their annual report for the year 1956.

The County Delegation met on May 28th at a special meeting and voted to remodel the present buildings at the County Home. The chair subsequently appointed the following members of the building committee to work with the County Commissioners: Messrs. Rhodes, Smith, and McCullough. The

committee hired Edward Sears Read & Associates of Boston as architects and has met many times with him since and have now adopted the final plans and specifications. These are now in the process of being prepared to be placed out for bids by various contractors.

Mr. Everett Rhodes who has been a very able member of the committee on the renovations of the County Home buildings and now having been elected to the Senate, was compelled to resign from the aforesaid committee; but we are more than fortunate to have Mr. Robert L. Galloway of Walpole appointed to replace Mr. Rhodes. We feel that his knowledge in construction work and his ability to read plans and specifications will be a real asset to the committee.

There has been a great deal of work done by the Supt. and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. McGirr, at the County Home in the way of repairs and improvements. Mr. McGirr is working hard to improve the dairy herd and is showing good progress in that direction.

Mr. Charles Luce, who has been custodian of the Court House for the past few years, has resigned his position. Mr. Luce has always carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner and we regret his decision. However, we are fortunate in getting Mr. Charles Miller to replace him.

The towns in the county have sent the smallest number of persons to the County Home this year of any time in recent years. This year Swanzey and Keene were the only towns to board residents at the County Home at a total cost of about \$5,000. In 1953 for comparison, eleven towns boarded people at the County Farm at a cost of nearly \$17,000. Recipients of Old Age Assistance and other State Aid are classified as private cases.

The County was obliged to join Social Security this past year, and as it was retroactive to January 1, 1955 it was a tremendous task for our bookkeeper and stenographer to check up exact wages (as well as board on County Farm employees in addition) for all county officials and employees as of July 1, 1956. A new set of wage record books has been organized and has to be kept continuously showing Social Security deductions, income tax, Blue Cross, retirement and any other deductions on each employee. Nearly 100 statements for officials and employees showing wages, Social Security and taxes had to be figured and made out for the year. On March 1, 1956 many of our County employees entered a county group under Blue Cross.

The Welfare Department of the County Commissioners has been carrying on the same programs as in previous years with the exception of the foster care of children which has entailed

more work and study. Since there are no more institutional homes for foster children in New Hampshire it has meant much investigation of foster homes and the study of children before they are placed in the present foster homes. In cooperation with the State Welfare Department we have assisted 56 foster children. The County has also worked with many welfare families and at the request of the N. H. Distributing Agency has put out a great deal of surplus food into needy families and homes with underprivileged children. We have also distributed these surplus foods to some of the Town Overseers to help them with their welfare work.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD O. PIERCE,

DAYTON L. PARK,

RALPH E. BOYNTON,

County Commissioners.

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## DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

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### STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

July 18, 1956

Board of County Commissioners  
Cheshire County  
Keene, New Hampshire  
Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 27, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, the biennial examination and audit of the accounts of Cheshire County has been made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission. The audit covered the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report is made up in three sections as follows:

Section I —Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Section II —Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Section III—Ten Year Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes

### SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Comparative Balance Sheets:**

December 31, 1953—December 31, 1954 (Exhibit A)

December 31, 1954—December 31, 1955 (Exhibit I)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1953-54 and December 31, 1954-55, are presented in Exhibits A and I, respectively. As indicated therein, the Surplus decreased by \$16,170.26 in 1954, while in 1955 the financial condition of the County changed from a Surplus of \$16,666.80 to a Net Debt of \$312,507.29.

**Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954 (Exhibit B)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955 (Exhibit J)

Statements presenting an analysis of the factors which caused the change in financial condition of the County during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955, are included in Exhibits B and J, respectively.

In 1954, the Surplus decreased by \$16,170.26. The factors which caused this were as follows:

**Decreases in Surplus**

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Budget Deficit                  | \$7,532 17  |
| Part of Cash Surplus Used to Reduce |             |
| County Tax                          | 6,000 00    |
| Decrease in Accounts Receivable     | 772 44      |
| Increase in Accounts Payable        | 1,865 65    |
|                                     | <hr/>       |
|                                     | \$16,170 26 |

The change in financial condition during 1955, from a Surplus of \$16,666.80, to a Net Debt of \$312,507.29, was brought about as follows:

**Increases in Net Debt (Decreases in Surplus)**

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bonds issued                           | \$346,000 00 |
| Cash Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax | 6,000 00     |
|                                        | <hr/>        |
|                                        | \$352,000 00 |

**Decreases in Net Debt (Increases in Surplus)**

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Budget Surplus              | \$18,254 59 |
| Increase in Accounts Receivable | 2,736 72    |
| Decrease in Accounts Payable    | 1,834 60    |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                 | 22,825 91   |

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| <b>Change in Financial Condition</b> | <b>\$329,174 09</b> |
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**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—****Estimated and Actual Revenues:**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954 (Exhibits C &amp; D)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955 (Exhibits K & L)

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, a net overdraft of appropriations of \$15,199.12, less a revenue surplus of \$7,666.95, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$7,532.17.

In 1955, a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$18,126.71, plus a revenue surplus of \$127.88, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$18,254.59.

**Statement of Bonded Debt:** (Exhibit M)

A statement of bonded indebtedness as of December 31, 1955, showing annual debt service requirements, is contained in Exhibit M.

**Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures:**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954 (Exhibit E)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955 (Exhibit O)

Summaries of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955, are presented in Exhibits E and O, respectively.

**ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER**

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the periods under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1955, is shown in Exhibit P.

**CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Cheshire County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

**COUNTY FARM**

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

Classified summaries of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the years 1954 and 1955 are presented in Exhibits F and Q, respectively.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

#### Overdraft of Appropriations:

A net overdraft of appropriations amounting to \$15,199.12, in the year 1954, is indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit D). Overdrafts in the following accounts were the principal contributing factors:

|                                                  |            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| (a) County Hospital—Fire Door, Etc.              | \$2,648 88 |
| (b) County Institution Project & Plant Committee | 1,880 64   |
| (c) Superior Court                               | 2,990 79   |
| (d) County Farm & Hospital                       | 10,523 93  |

Items (a) and (b) were authorized by vote of the County Delegation, to be paid out of Surplus. Item (c) represents court expenditures over which the Commissioners exercise no control.

Item (d) represents the overdraft of the appropriation for the County Farm and Hospital. This matter was discussed with the Commissioners and it was disclosed that certain conditions had to be corrected at the institution, resulting in the overdraft. It appears, however, that no written authority was granted by the Executive Committee to exceed the appropriation as required by Chapter 24, Section 15, of the Revised Statutes Annotated.

#### Building Fund:

As of December 31st, 1955, the Bond Issue Building Fund was accounted for as follows:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Invested in U. S. Treasury Bills | \$343,043 85 |
| In County General Funds          | 2,956 15     |

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\$346,000 00

It is recommended that the amount of \$2,956.15 be transferred from the general fund account to a special account designated as the "Bond Issue Building Fund Account." From this account, the recurrent investment of principal in U. S. Treasury Bills should likewise be made. Income from Investments should accrue to the principal of the building fund. A separate accounting record should be kept of all receipts and expenditures of the special building fund account.

#### Accounting Procedure for County Farm and Hospital:

In reports of previous audits we have commented on the fact that the standard form of classification book for recording county farm and hospital receipts and expenditures was not being used. Again we recommend the adoption of the proper records and accounting procedure for the county farm and hospital.

Monthly totals of receipts and expenditures should be transferred from the county farm classification book to the general fund book in which all county receipts and expendi-

tures are recorded. Inasmuch as each order issued in payment of a county farm account will be entered separately in the county farm book by check number, name of payee and amount, it will not be necessary to duplicate this information in detail in the general fund account book of the County. This also applies to county farm receipts as each item should be entered separately in the county farm book, indicating the name of the remitter as well as the source and amount of the receipt.

### **Payroll Records:**

On July 1, 1956 the County will come under the "old age and survivors insurance program." During the course of the current audit, this matter was discussed with the Commissioners, the bookkeeper and other participating departments. The discussion included the adoption of adequate payroll records and control methods, also the manner in which retroactive coverage to January 1, 1955 should be processed, recorded and brought up to date for accounting and final reporting to the State agency handling OASI funds. We recommend the replacement of "make-shift" payroll forms with the adoption of standard accounting forms, materially reflecting the following information:

Employee's Full Name, Social Security Number, Address, Age, Single, Married, Children, Etc., Date Employed & Date Left Employment. **Columnar Payroll Record To Show**—Period Ending, Gross Pay, Withholding Tax, OASI, Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Other Deductions, Net Pay & Check Number.

A similar form to that of the individual payroll record should likewise be adopted for control and reporting purposes. Group totals by pay period would be transferred from individual records to the "control record"; i. e., "total county farm payroll" and "total court house payroll" would be posted as follows:

| <i>Payrolls</i>                     | <i>Period</i> | <i>Gross</i> | <i>W/Tax</i> | <i>Deductions</i> |               | <i>Net</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
|                                     |               |              |              | <i>OASI</i>       | <i>Blue X</i> |            |
| County Farm                         | 1/14/56       | \$2,081.00   | \$100.70     | \$41.62           | \$30.50       | \$1,908.18 |
| Court House                         | 1/14/56       | 480.41       | 40.00        | 9.61              |               | 430.80     |
| 1st. Qtr.-Jan., Feb.<br>& Mar. 1956 |               | \$2,561.41   | \$140.70     | \$51.23           | \$30.50       | \$2,338.98 |

In the case of court house employees paid by check issued from the Commissioner's office, the present procedure is to prepare individual vouchers for each payee. We recommend the adoption of one payroll manifest, similar to that prepared by the Farm Superintendent. This manifest lists all persons within a given pay period. Court House manifests would list Commissioners, Treasurer, Sheriff, Solicitor, Bookkeeper, Welfare Investigator, Janitor, Etc. Manifest would be approved by the Commissioners. As individual payroll checks are prepared for issue, check numbers would be recorded on the man-

ifest. To the book in which all County expenditures are recorded, would be posted the "total amount" of the payroll manifest which removes the necessity of posting and duplicating detailed information, for example:

| <i>Manifest<br/>Number</i> | <i>Check<br/>Numbers</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>County<br/>Visitor</i> | <i>County<br/>Officers</i> | <i>County Off. Care,<br/>Expenses Court House</i> | <i>Sup.<br/>House</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7                          | 112-116                  | \$430.80      | \$94.94                   | \$125.00                   | \$128.06                                          | \$82.80               |

### **Superior Court Financial Accounts:**

The Clerk of the Superior Court employs the accounting system which has been prescribed by the Court. There are certain recommendations, however, relative to accounting procedure which we believe should be followed. These are:

- (1) **All** cash receipts and disbursements should be recorded on the prescribed form.
- (2) At the close of each month book balances should be reconciled with bank balances. It is mandatory that both balances should agree. It has been customary to reconcile bank balances with check book balances which procedure fails to accomplish the desired purpose.
- (3) At the close of each month, after the "Form A" report has been made up and proved for final reporting to the Court, all open balances should be forwarded to the first of the succeeding month.
- (4) All payments, with the exception of small items paid out of "Petty Cash", should be made by check.
- (5) At any given time bank deposits should be in agreement with actual cash receipts; that is,—deposits to the checking account and/or savings bank account on any given date should agree with total recorded cash receipts to date of deposit.
- (6) A "Petty Cash" fund may be established for the payment of very small items. To do this the Clerk should draw a check on his regular account in the amount of \$20.00 or \$25.00 to "Petty Cash", thus setting up the fund. The fund should be reimbursed on a monthly basis with proper receipts obtained to support payments therefrom.

### **County Officers' Surety Bonds:**

Surety bonds are customarily written for the following officers:

County Treasurer  
 Register of Deeds  
 Register of Probate  
 County Solicitor  
 Sheriff  
 Deputy Sheriffs  
 Clerk of Superior Court

Other county employees who handle funds include, Superintendent of County Farm, Matron, Bookkeeper and/or Clerk at County Farm, and Bookkeeper at Commissioner's Office. It is recommended that a blanket bond of sufficient amount be secured to cover these employees.

**Conclusion:**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, a copy of this report or a summary of its findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

The appreciation and thanks of this Division is hereby expressed to the officials of Cheshire County and their office staffs for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,  
Harold G. Fowler, Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor  
Oliver E. Gagne, Accountant

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**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Concord, New Hampshire  
July 19, 1956

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**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Cheshire County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955. In our opinion the Exhibits presented herewith reflect the true financial condition of the County on December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955, together with the results of operations for the fiscal years ended on these dates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold G. Fowler, Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor  
Oliver E. Gagne, Accountant

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956

**BALANCE SHEET****ASSETS**

|                                                      |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand                                         | \$17,479 02 |
| Capital Reserve Fund                                 | 25,593 16   |
| Accounts due the County:                             |             |
| (a) County Farm receipts including<br>board and care | \$5,384 49  |
| (b) Petty cash at Co. Farm                           | 200 00      |
| (c) Miscellaneous                                    | 296 20      |
|                                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                                      | 5,880 69    |

|              |       |             |
|--------------|-------|-------------|
| Total assets | <hr/> | \$48,952 87 |
|--------------|-------|-------------|

**LIABILITIES**

|                                             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Accounts owed by the County:                |             |
| Chargeable to County Farm                   | \$593 95    |
| Miscellaneous                               | 912 40      |
| Capital Reserve Fund                        | 25,593 16   |
| Balance of reforestation fund               | 396 00      |
| Radio center, fire mutual aid appropriation | 2,500 00    |
|                                             | <hr/>       |
|                                             | \$29,995 51 |
| Excess of assets over liabilities           | \$18,957 36 |

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****RECEIPTS**

|                                                       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Current Revenue:                                      |              |
| Taxes from towns and city                             | \$214,200 00 |
| Income from Institution: County Farm and<br>Hospital  | 43,955 88    |
| Reimbursements of expenditures for support<br>of poor | 1,081 19     |
| Reimbursements for board and care of children         | 4,992 62     |
|                                                       | <hr/>        |
|                                                       | \$264,229 69 |
| Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:                  |              |
| Temporary loans during year                           | 100,000 00   |
| Surry Flood land                                      | 323 25       |
| Refunds on interest of temporary loans                | 535 42       |
| Social security payments for employees                | 894 51       |

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Refund from Bond issue for bills paid | 21,611 59           |
| Total receipts from all sources       | <u>\$387,594 86</u> |
| Cash on hand at beginning of year     | 31,835 51           |
|                                       | <u>\$419,430 37</u> |

## PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General Government:

## 1. Salaries of

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| (a) Commissioners   | \$4,476 09 |
| (b) Treasurer       | 398 00     |
| (c) Auditors        | 200 00     |
| (d) Solicitor       | 1,990 00   |
| (e) Medical Referee | 616 80     |
| (f) Sheriff         | 1,500 00   |

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 \$9,180 89

## 2. Expenses of

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| (a) Above officers excepting Sheriff | 7,498 50 |
| (b) Register of Deeds                | 2,104 73 |
| (c) Register of Probate              | 2,442 69 |
| (d) Sheriff Department               | 4,565 16 |

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 16,611 08

## 3. Care and supplies, Court House

6,160 95

## Superior Court:

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 4. Jury Payrolls           | \$6,179 17 |
| 5. State vs. Payrolls      | 6,274 55   |
| 6. Referees and Masters    | 790 70     |
| 7. Counsel Fees            | 1,183 68   |
| 8. Stenographer, etc.      | 5,324 85   |
| 9. Clerk of Superior Court | 7,078 06   |
| 10. Sheriff and Deputies   | 2,324 30   |

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 29,155 31

## Public Welfare:

|                                            |              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 11. County Farm, almshouse, hospital, jail | \$103,543 41 |
| 12. Board of prisoners                     | 951 25       |
| 13. Support of poor not at Co. Farm        | 4,292 26     |
| 14. Old Age Assistance                     | 7,817 16     |
| 15. Board and care children                | 19,857 84    |
| 16. Aid to Dependent Soldiers              | 188 09       |
| 17. Aid to Totally Disabled                | 1,342 25     |

|                                       |          |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 18. Investigator, salary and expense  | 3,954 94 |              |
|                                       |          | 141,947 20   |
| Total current maintenance expenses    |          | \$203,055 43 |
| All other payments:                   |          |              |
| 19. Interest on loans                 |          | 1,272 74     |
| 20. New equipment, County Farm        |          | 6,682 00     |
| 21. Special repairs, County Farm      |          | 6,736 85     |
| 22. Rebinding old Books, Deeds        |          | 500 00       |
| 23. Payment of temporary loans        |          | 100,000 00   |
| 24. County Extension Service          |          | 13,950 00    |
| 25. Employees' Retirement             |          | 1,071 80     |
| 26. Employees' Social Security        |          | 4,091 00     |
| 27. Employees' Blue Cross             |          | 271 85       |
| 28. Elliot Community Hospital         |          | 3,000 00     |
| 29. Surry Flood land rental           |          | 323 25       |
| 30. Capital Reserve Fund              |          | 6,000 00     |
| 31. Delegation Expense                |          | 737 90       |
| 32. Architects' fees, surveys, etc.   |          |              |
| Co. Farm reconstruction               |          | 21,448 32    |
| 33. Bond Issue Funds in Co. General   |          |              |
| Fund 1/1/56                           |          | 2,956 15     |
| (transferred to Special Bond Account) |          |              |
| 34. Payment and interest on Bonds     |          | 28,958 00    |
| 35. Miscellaneous:                    |          |              |
| County Reports                        | \$422 50 |              |
| State Audit                           | 441 56   |              |
| Juvenile Court                        | 20 00    |              |
| Cap. Reserve bond                     | 12 00    |              |
|                                       |          | 896 06       |
| Total payments for all purposes       |          | \$401,951 35 |
| Cash on hand at end of year           |          | 17,479 02    |
|                                       |          | \$419,430 37 |

### SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

| Description:                         | Value        |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Land and Buildings:                  |              |
| (a) Court House, lot and furnishings | \$70,000 00  |
| (c) County Farm buildings            | 130,000 00   |
| (d) Wood lot                         | 300 00       |
| Total valuation                      | \$200,300 00 |

## RECAPITULATION FOR 1955 AND 1956

|                                         | 1955         | 1956         |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Salaries                                | \$8,600 00   | \$8,564 09   |
| Medical Referee                         | 449 53       | 616 80       |
| Expense of County Officers              | 6,682 18     | 7,498 50     |
| Register of Deeds                       | 2,259 56     | 2,104 73     |
| Register of Probate                     | 1,456 58     | 2,442 69     |
| Sheriff Department                      | 4,401 37     | 4,565 16     |
| Care and supplies, Court House          | 4,858 63     | 6,160 95     |
| Court Expense                           | 30,927 18    | 29,155 31    |
| Almshouse and jail, County Farm         | 107,790 02   | 103,543 41   |
| Board of Prisoners                      | 1,552 00     | 951 25       |
| Outside Poor                            | 5,809 35     | 4,292 26     |
| Old Age Assistance                      | 6,566 71     | 7,817 16     |
| Board and care children                 | 21,204 73    | 19,857 84    |
| Aid to dependent soldiers               | 1,394 40     | 188 09       |
| Aid to totally disabled                 | 1,099 88     | 1,342 25     |
| Investigator, salary and expense        | 3,868 93     | 3,954 94     |
| County Extension Service                | 13,932 00    | 13,950 00    |
| Elliot Community Hospital               | 3,000 00     | 3,000 00     |
| Repairs & new equipment, County Farm    | 9,297 45     | 13,418 85    |
| Rebinding books, Register of Deeds      | 497 52       | 500 00       |
| Parking lot, Court House                | 3,021 30     |              |
| Retirement of County Employees          | 1,877 35     | 1,071 80     |
| Social Security of County Employees     |              | 4,091 00     |
| Blue Cross of County Employees          |              | 271 85       |
| Loans and interest                      | 125,950 34   | 101,272 74   |
| Surry Flood land                        | 312 37       | 323 25       |
| Capital Reserve Fund                    | 6,000 00     | 6,000 00     |
| Borings at Woodward lot                 | 163 35       |              |
| Cost of Bond Issue                      | 1,338 48     |              |
| Reinvestment of Bond Proceeds           | 343,043 85   |              |
| Delegation Expense                      | 1,002 12     | 737 90       |
| Architects' fees, surveys, etc.         |              |              |
| County Farm reconstruction              |              | 21,448 32    |
| Bond Issue Funds in Co. Treasury 1/1/56 |              | 2,956 15     |
| Payment and interest on bonds           |              | 28,958 00    |
| Miscellaneous                           | 541 70       | 896 06       |
|                                         | <hr/>        |              |
|                                         | \$718,898 93 | \$401,951 35 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

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### Support of Paupers off County Farm

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Keene        | \$2,712 18 |
| Chesterfield | 65 07      |
| Dublin       | 156 60     |
| Fitzwilliam  | 240 00     |
| Jaffrey      | 489 86     |
| Marlboro     | 498 55     |
| Westmoreland | 130 00     |

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\$4,292 26

### Aid to Dependent Soldiers

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Keene        | \$125 03 |
| Chesterfield | 40 00    |
| Jaffrey      | 13 06    |
| Richmond     | 10 00    |

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\$188 09

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## RELIEF EXTENDED TO COUNTY CHARGES

January 1, 1956 to January 1, 1957

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|           | Regular<br>Relief | Dependent<br>Soldiers | Board & Care<br>Children |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| January   | \$497 50          | \$32 85               | \$1,870 82               |
| February  | 574 39            | 29 85                 | 1,924 07                 |
| March     | 459 25            | 8 05                  | 1,757 71                 |
| April     | 445 58            | 16 06                 | 1,607 59                 |
| May       | 234 14            |                       | 1,559 15                 |
| June      | 413 14            | 22 00                 | 1,597 46                 |
| July      | 274 14            |                       | 1,777 49                 |
| August    | 185 24            | 22 00                 | 1,492 52                 |
| September | 182 50            | 5 00                  | 1,439 84                 |
| October   | 246 83            |                       | 1,617 72                 |
| November  | 345 82            |                       | 1,571 53                 |
| December  | 315 30            | 30 00                 | 1,698 14                 |
|           | \$4,173 93        | \$165 81              | \$19,214 04              |

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

|                                      | Appropriations | Expenditures | Receipts    | Unexpended<br>Balance | Overdraft |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| County officers, salaries            |                |              |             |                       |           |
| Commissioners                        | \$4,500 00     | \$4,476 09   |             | \$23 91               |           |
| Treasurer                            | 400 00         | 398 00       |             | 2 00                  |           |
| Auditors                             | 200 00         | 200 00       |             |                       |           |
| Solicitor                            | 2,000 00       | 1,990 00     |             | 10 00                 |           |
| Medical Referee                      | 500 00         | 616 80       |             |                       | \$116 80  |
| Sheriff                              | 1,500 00       | 1,500 00     |             |                       |           |
| Co. officers' expense except sheriff | 7,000 00       | 7,498 50     |             |                       | 498 50    |
| Register of Deeds                    | 2,200 00       | 2,104 73     |             | 95 27                 |           |
| Register of Probate                  | 2,250 00       | 2,442 69     |             |                       | 192 69    |
| Sheriff Department                   | 5,000 00       | 4,565 16     |             | 434 84                |           |
| Care and supplies, Court House       | 4,500 00       | 6,160 95     |             |                       | 1,660 95  |
| Superior Court                       | 32,000 00      | 29,155 31    |             | 2,844 69              |           |
| County Farm                          | 110,000 00     | 103,543 41   | \$7,955 88* | 14,412 47             |           |
| Board of prisoners                   | 1,800 00       | 951 25       |             | 848 75                |           |
| Support of poor off Farm             | 7,000 00       | 4,292 26     | 911 13      | 3,618 87              | 191 99    |
| Old age assistance                   | 7,500 00       | 7,817 16     | 125 17      |                       |           |
| Board and care of children           | 22,500 00      | 19,857 84    | 992 62*     | 3,634 78              |           |
| Aid to Dependent Soldiers            | 2,000 00       | 188 09       | 44 89       | 1,856 80              |           |
| Aid to Totally Disabled              | 1,500 00       | 1,342 25     |             | 157 75                |           |
| Welfare visitor, salary and expenses | 4,000 00       | 3,954 94     |             | 45 06                 |           |
| Interest on temporary loans          | 1,500 00       | 1,272 74     |             |                       |           |
| County Farm, new equipment           | 6,000 00       | 6,682 00     | 535 42      | 762 68                | 682 00    |
| County Farm, special repairs         | 7,000 00       | 6,736 85     |             | 263 15                |           |

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES (Continued)

|                                  | Appropriations      | Expenditures        | Receipts           | Unexpended<br>Balance | Overdrafts        |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Radio Center, fire dept.         | 2,500 00            |                     |                    | 2,500 00              |                   |
| Register of Deeds, books rebound | 500 00              | 500 00              |                    |                       |                   |
| County Extension Service         | 13,950 00           | 13,950 00           |                    |                       |                   |
| Employees' Retirement            | 1,500 00            | 1,071 80            |                    | 428 20                |                   |
| Employees' Social Security       | 3,000 00            | 4,091 00            | 894 91             |                       | 196 09            |
| Employees' Blue Cross            | 400 00              | 271 85              |                    | 128 15                |                   |
| Elliot Community Hospital        | 3,000 00            | 3,000 00            |                    |                       |                   |
| Capital Reserve                  | 6,000 00            | 6,000 00            |                    |                       |                   |
| County Delegation expense        | 1,000 00            | 737 90              |                    | 262 10                |                   |
| Miscellaneous                    | 1,000 00            | 896 06              |                    | 103 94                |                   |
|                                  | <u>\$265,700 00</u> | <u>\$248,265 63</u> | <u>\$11,460 02</u> | <u>\$32,433 41</u>    | <u>\$3,539 02</u> |

\*In excess of amount on budget.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

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To the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Cheshire for the year ending December 31, 1956:

### RECEIPTS

Taxes from Towns and City of Keene:

|                                                   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Alstead                                           | \$3,410 06   |
| Chesterfield                                      | 7,741 19     |
| Dublin                                            | 5,963 33     |
| Fitzwilliam                                       | 5,254 33     |
| Gilsum                                            | 1,081 71     |
| Harrisville                                       | 4,508 91     |
| Hinsdale                                          | 11,395 44    |
| Jaffrey                                           | 15,947 19    |
| Keene                                             | 93,626 82    |
| Marlborough                                       | 5,513 51     |
| Marlow                                            | 1,193 09     |
| Nelson                                            | 1,994 20     |
| Richmond                                          | 1,038 87     |
| Rindge                                            | 6,378 88     |
| Roxbury                                           | 490 52       |
| Stoddard                                          | 1,696 46     |
| Sullivan                                          | 914 63       |
| Surry                                             | 1,338 75     |
| Swanzey                                           | 11,065 57    |
| Troy                                              | 6,053 29     |
| Walpole                                           | 15,677 30    |
| Westmoreland                                      | 2,508 28     |
| Winchester                                        | 9,407 67     |
|                                                   | <hr/>        |
|                                                   | \$214,200 00 |
| Income from Institutions:                         |              |
| County Farm and Hospital                          | \$43,955 88  |
| Reimbursement of expenditures for support of poor | 1,081 19     |
| Reimbursement for board and care of children      | 4,992 62     |
|                                                   | <hr/>        |
|                                                   | 50,029 69    |
|                                                   | <hr/>        |
| Total Current revenue receipts                    | \$264,229 69 |

## Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Temporary loans during year            | \$100,000 00 |
| Surry flood lands                      | 323 25       |
| Refunds on interest of temporary loans | 535 42       |
| Social security payments by employees  | 894 91       |
| Refund from Bond issue for bills paid  | 21,611 59    |
|                                        | <hr/>        |
|                                        | 123,365 17   |
|                                        | <hr/>        |
| Total receipts from all sources        | \$387,594 86 |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1956           | 31,835 51    |
|                                        | <hr/>        |
|                                        | \$419,430 37 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| General Government                       | \$31,952 92  |
| Superior Court                           | 29,155 31    |
| Board and care of prisoners              | 951 25       |
| County Farm expenditures                 | 103,543 41   |
| Direct relief                            | 4,292 26     |
| Old Age Assistance                       | 7,817 16     |
| Other charitable expenses                | 25,343 12    |
| County extension service                 | 13,950 00    |
| Elliot Community Hospital                | 3,000 00     |
| Construction and equipment               | 13,418 85    |
| Note payment and interest                | 101,272 74   |
| Capital Reserve Fund                     | 6,000 00     |
| Payment and interest on bonds            | 28,958 00    |
| Architects fees, surveys, etc.           |              |
| County Farm Construction                 | 21,448 32    |
| Bond Issue Funds in General Fund         | 2,956 15     |
| 1-1-56 transferred to Special Bond acct. |              |
| Miscellaneous expense                    | 7,891 86     |
|                                          | <hr/>        |
| Total disbursements                      | \$401,951 35 |
|                                          | <hr/>        |
| Cash on hand at end of year              | \$17,479 02  |

## SPECIAL BOND ACCOUNT

|                                                   |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Receipts:                                         |                |
| Cash from General Fund                            | \$2,956 15     |
| Proceeds from Investments in U. S. Treasury Bills |                |
| March 2, 1956                                     | 345,000 00     |
| June 1, 1956                                      | 345,000 00     |
| Aug. 30, 1956                                     | 345,000 00     |
| Nov. 2, 1956                                      | 325,000 00     |
|                                                   | <hr/>          |
|                                                   | \$1,362,956 15 |

|                                            |                |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Disbursements:                             |                |
| Investments in U. S. Treasury Bills        |                |
| March 2, 1956                              | \$342,898 95   |
| June 1, 1956                               | 342,757 50     |
| Aug. 30, 1956                              | 323,649 08     |
| Nov. 2, 1956                               | 322,627 50     |
| Transferred to County<br>General Fund      | 21,611 59      |
|                                            | <hr/>          |
|                                            | \$1,353,544 62 |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1956                      | \$9,411 53     |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1956               | 2,956 15       |
| U. S. Treasury Bills owned January 1, 1956 | 343,043 85     |
|                                            | <hr/>          |
| Total Bond issue                           | \$346,000 00   |
| Discount realized:                         |                |
| March 2, 1956                              | \$1,956 15     |
| June 1, 1956                               | 2,101 05       |
| Aug. 20, 1956                              | 2,242 50       |
| Nov. 2, 1956                               | 1,350 92       |
|                                            | <hr/>          |
|                                            | 7,650 62       |
|                                            | <hr/>          |
|                                            | \$353,650 62   |
| Transferred to General Fund                | 21,611 59      |
|                                            | <hr/>          |
| Balance Bond Account Dec. 31, 1956         | \$332,039 03   |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1956             | \$9,411 53     |
| U. S. Treasury Bills owned @ cost          | 322,627 50     |
|                                            | <hr/>          |
|                                            | \$332,039 03   |

Respectfully submitted,  
J. EUGENE FELCH,  
Treasurer of the County of Cheshire.

## COUNTY AUDITORS REPORT

Cheshire County  
Period Ending December 31, 1956

### COUNTY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

|                                        |                |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1956           | \$31,835 51    |
| Receipts ending Dec. 31, 1956          | 1,077,594 86   |
|                                        | <hr/>          |
|                                        | \$1,109,430 37 |
| Payments year ending Dec. 31, 1956     | 1,091,951 35   |
|                                        | <hr/>          |
| Balance as per cash book Dec. 31, 1956 | \$17,479 02    |

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance in Cheshire Nat'l Bank |             |
| Dec. 31, 1956                  | \$24,016 17 |
| Less outstanding orders        | 6,537 15    |

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Reconciled Bank Balance as of Dec. 31, 1956 \$17,479 02

#### COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

|                                                               |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956                                 | \$200 00          |
| Total receipts from Institution, year<br>ending Dec. 31, 1956 | 43,955 88         |
|                                                               | <hr/> \$44,155 88 |

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total remittances to County Treasurer | \$43,955 88 |
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956         | \$200 00    |

#### INDEBTEDNESS

|                                                      |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes | None         |
| Outstanding Long Term Notes                          | None         |
| Outstanding Bonds                                    | \$325,000 00 |
| Bills Owed by County                                 | \$1,506 35   |

#### COUNTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED AT END OF PERIOD

|                                        |      |
|----------------------------------------|------|
| County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities | None |
|----------------------------------------|------|

DORIS W. MORGAN,

M. B. MOYNIHAN,

County Auditors.

January 18, 1957

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Cheshire County:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1956 for the Cheshire County Home and Infirmary.

The repairs and painting schedule have been carried on with the cow barns and piggery receiving an attractive coat of red with white trim. As these buildings were very dry it will be necessary to paint them again this coming year. The silos were also painted aluminum and their roofs repaired. A new ventilating system was installed in the cow barn in the endeavor to correct a very bad moisture condition. New water pipes were installed to the cow stanchions, the boiler in the milk house was retubed, and a new oil burner installed with a 500 gallon oil tank buried in the ground, thereby reducing the fire hazard.

The apartment that is over the root cellar was completely done over, with the hip roof being removed. The apartment

has been increased in size by one third and completely redecorated both inside and out. Today it is a very attractive Cape Cod cottage that adds to the institution. The hot air furnace in the cottage across from the barn was replaced. A new septic tank installed, correcting a very bad condition.

As was mentioned in our last report of 1955, our saw mill was put into operation and selective cutting was done under the guidance of the County Forester. So that as of this day we have 58,000 feet of square edge lumber drying, either to be used in future plans for the institution or can be considered for sale for revenue. While on the matter of the mill it is our honest wish to move the mill to a new site, opposite the Blood Place near the sugar house, making it much more accessible in the winter months when it will be in use.

A new tractor was added as well as a new pickup truck with a snow plow, and both have proven to be an asset.

It certainly is gratifying to see the plans for the remodeling of the three buildings take shape and mature to the point of completion.

During this past year an increase of interest in the Inmates has taken place. Our Christmas Season was a most enjoyable time with so many friends helping to make it so.

We are very grateful and give our sincere thanks to all these fine people, organizations, church groups, Girl Scouts, and school children; to the Ministers Association for the untiring interest in seeing that services were conducted each week in the Chapel; to Dr. O'Connor for his splendid care of the sick and infirm.

At this time we would also like to thank you, the Commissioners and the personnel of the Court House Office, also the personnel here at the institution for the splendid cooperation that we have received in making this a busy year but a fruitful one.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET H. McGIRR, R. N. & Matron  
ROYAL E. McGIRR, Superintendent

### INVENTORY OF MAPLEWOOD FARM

For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

|                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Farm equipment, shop and plumbing supplies | \$15,000 00 |
| Boilerhouse, laundry and well equipment    | 7,000 00    |
| Hospital equipment and supplies            | 7,500 00    |
| Freezer plant                              | 4,800 00    |
| Furniture and house supplies               | 10,000 00   |
| Groceries and supplies                     | 3,000 00    |
| Wood and coal                              | 2,500 00    |

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Livestock               | 15,525 00 |
| Farm produce            | 1,500 00  |
| Sawed lumber            | 5,800 00  |
| Hay, grain and ensilage | 5,000 00  |

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\$77,625 00

### INVENTORY OF COUNTY FARM PROPERTY

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| County Farm and buildings | \$130,000 00 |
| Personal property at farm | 77,625 00    |
| Wood lot, Chesterfield    | 300 00       |

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\$207,925 00

### DETAIL OF RECEIPTS

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Board paid by Keene   | \$4,569 40 |
| Board paid by Swanzey | 520 40     |

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\$5,089 80

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Board of private patients | 27,260 35 |
| Miscellaneous             | 202 37    |

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\$32,552 52

Total  
Sale of farm products:

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Dairy            | \$8,799 10 |
| Cattle and stock | 1,169 25   |
| Pigs             | 797 00     |
| Eggs             | 19 50      |
| Miscellaneous    | 618 51     |

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11,403 36

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\$43,955 88

### DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

House of Correction:

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Labor          | \$3,307 74 |
| Other expenses | 327 36     |

Farming:

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Seeds and fertilizer | 1,443 96 |
| Labor                | 6,306 39 |
| Supplies             | 2,608 04 |
| Repairs              | 448 40   |
| Other expenses       | 220 15   |

Livestock:

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Feed     | 7,902 21 |
| Labor    | 2,490 76 |
| Supplies | 344 16   |

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Other expenses                      | 778 08       |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant: |              |
| Labor                               | 22,934 79    |
| Provisions                          | 9,878 85     |
| Supplies                            | 3,682 09     |
| Repairs                             | 2,050 78     |
| Clothing                            | 445 84       |
| Fuel, light, power, etc.            | 10,914 15    |
| Insurance, taxes and other expenses | 4,169 63     |
| Hospital:                           |              |
| Labor                               | 18,209 62    |
| Other expenses                      | 5,080 41     |
|                                     | <hr/>        |
|                                     | \$103,543 41 |

**PER CAPITA COST OF INMATES AT COUNTY FARM  
INCLUDING HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

|                                                                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                                                                         | Number of weeks |
| Almshouse                                                                               | 1,130           |
| House of Correction                                                                     | 786             |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>           |
|                                                                                         | 1,916           |
| Town boarders                                                                           | 178             |
| Private boarders                                                                        | 1,154           |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>           |
|                                                                                         | 1,332           |
| Total County Farm expenditures                                                          | \$116,962 26    |
| Inventory of personal property at<br>beginning of year                                  | 65,975 00       |
| Accounts payable at end of year                                                         | 593 95          |
| Accounts receivable at beginning of year                                                | 4,573 18        |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>           |
|                                                                                         | \$188,104 39    |
| Cash receipts for Farm                                                                  |                 |
| From boarders                                                                           | \$32,350 15     |
| From other sources                                                                      | 11,605 73       |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>           |
|                                                                                         | 43,955 88       |
| Inventory of personal property at end of year                                           | 77,625 00       |
| Accounts payable at beginning of year                                                   | 155 43          |
| Accounts receivable at end of year                                                      | 5,384 49        |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>           |
|                                                                                         | \$127,120 80    |
| Balance against Farm                                                                    | \$60,983 59     |
| Per capita cost per week of all inmates but excluding employees<br>and guests, \$20.00. |                 |

**ESTMATE OF PRODUCE USED FROM THE FARM**

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 29,370 quarts milk          | 50 bushel tomatoes         |
| 2,268 pounds pork (dressed) | 1,000 pounds summer squash |
| 4,544 pounds beef (dressed) | 1 ton winter squash        |
| 1,400 pounds chicken        | 65 bushel spinach          |
| 600 pounds cabbage          | 50 cord wood               |
| 45 bushel cucumbers         | On hand in freezer:        |
| 10 bushel beets             | 900 pounds string beans    |
| 10 bushel beet greens       | 790 pounds corn            |
| 30 bushel chard             | 220 pounds tomatoes        |
| 12 bushel lettuce           | 478 pounds peas            |
| 50 bushel melons            | 943 pounds strawberries    |
| 58 bushel endive            | 350 pounds summer squash   |
| 60 bushel onions            | 48 pounds spinach          |
| 50 bushel peas              | 42 pounds broccoli         |
| 5 bushel peppers            | 105 pounds cauliflower     |
| 25 bushel shell beans       | 105 pounds peppers         |

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**STOCK ON FARM DECEMBER 31, 1956**

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 35 cows               | Beef Stock         |
| 21 Heifers over 1 yr. | 2 Angus Cows       |
| 11 Calves under 1 yr. | 7 White Face Cross |
| 21 pigs               | 2 Steer            |
| 250 hens              | 3 Calves           |

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**INMATES AT FARM JANUARY 1, 1957**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Avery, Frances      | Gilbo, Elwin      |
| Bixby, Walter       | Howard, George    |
| Britton, Bertha     | Lauknonen, Kalle  |
| Bundy, Bernice      | Leware, Nelson    |
| Carboneau, Alex     | Rattray, Daniel   |
| Clement, George     | Reed, Gordon      |
| Connors, Harry      | Sage, Ernest      |
| Cunningham, Addie   | Thrasher, Bertha  |
| Dalton, Harold      | Whitney, Bertha   |
| Desilets, Douglas   | Wilson, Erwin     |
| Driscoll, Katherine | Winham, Albertain |
| Flagg, Warren       |                   |

(Names of private boarders are not published)

## RECORD OF INMATES AT CHESHIRE COUNTY ALMSHOUSE FROM JAN. 1, 1956 TO JAN. 1, 1957

| Name                | Birth<br>Year | Date of<br>Admission | Received from | Date of<br>Discharge | Nation-<br>ality | Days<br>in<br>Board | Board Paid By |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Avery, Frances      | 1891          | 4-1-51               | Keene         |                      | American         | 366                 | County        |
| Bixby, Walter       | 1898          | 8-11-53              | "             |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Britton, Bertha     | 1898          | 3-17-17              | "             |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Bundy, Bernice      | 1896          | 11-15-55             |               |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Carboneau, Alex     | 1865          | 6-18-39              | Westmoreland  |                      | Canadian         | 366                 | "             |
| Clement, George     | 1891          | 6-9-27               | Keene         |                      | American         | 366                 | "             |
| Connors, Harry      | 1898          | 1-29-53              | "             |                      | "                | 366                 | Keene         |
| Cunningham, Addie   | 1894          | 5-15-56              | "             |                      | "                | 231                 | "             |
| Dalton, Harold      | 1905          | 12-8-53              | "             |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Desilets, Douglas   | 1940          | 12-28-56             | "             |                      | "                | 4                   | County        |
| Driscoll, Katherine | 1881          | 2-14-35              | "             |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Flagg, Warren       | 1881          | 9-5-42               | Fitzwilliam   |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Gilman, Henry       | 1891          | 9-18-55              | Dublin        | 2-14-56              | Canadian         | 45                  | "             |
| Gilbo, Elwin        | 1903          | 9-27-56              | Keene         |                      | American         | 114                 | "             |
| Howard, George      | 1865          | 4-26-46              | Swansey       |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Laukonen, Kalle     | 1878          | 11-9-54              | Keene         |                      | Finnish          | 366                 | "             |
| Leware, Nelson      | 1872          | 7-15-01              | "             | 11-1-56              | American         | 366                 | "             |
| Morse, Harold       | 1904          | 10-26-56             | "             | 7-15-56              | "                | 7                   | Swansey       |
| Pelkey, Ernest      | 1903          | 8-29-53              | "             | 6-22-56              | Russian          | 197                 | Keene         |
| Pickalo, Geno       | 1882          | 1-10-56              | "             |                      | Canadian         | 149                 | County        |
| Rattray, Daniel     | 1885          | 12-6-56              | "             |                      | Irish            | 26                  | "             |
| Reil, William       | 1878          | 8-2-55               | "             | 8-11-56              | American         | 224                 | "             |
| Reed, Gordon        | 1943          | 12-29-56             | "             |                      | "                | 3                   | "             |
| Richardson, Raymo'd | 1905          | 4-13-56              | "             | 4-16-56              | "                | 4                   | Keene         |
| Rowe, William       | 1873          | 4-18-56              | "             | 5-14-56              | "                | 27                  | "             |
| Sage, Ernest        | 1894          | 9-22-52              | "             |                      | Canadian         | 366                 | County        |
| Starkey, Walter     | 1885          | 2-8-55               | "             |                      | American         | 221                 | "             |
| Shaw, Ralph         | 1904          | 3-23-55              | Swansey       | 9-15-56              | "                | 70                  | Swansey       |
| Thrasher, Bertha    | 1895          | 1-30-54              | Keene         | 3-11-56              | "                | 366                 | County        |
| Whitney, Bertha     | 1904          | 6-5-22               | "             |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Wilson, Erwin       | 1881          | 11-5-46              | "             |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |
| Winham, Albertain   | 1882          | 10-23-46             | Alstead       |                      | "                | 366                 | "             |

## REPORT OF MASTER OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

Gentlemen: I hereby submit my report as Master of the House of Correction for year ending December 31, 1956.

The following is a summary of the prisoners committed and discharged during the year:

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of prisoners January 1, 1956 | 11  |
| Number of prisoners committed       | 116 |
| Number of prisoners absconded       | 2   |
| Number of prisoners discharged      | 114 |
| Number of prisoners January 1, 1957 | 13  |

Of the above 36 committed for being drunk, 15 for non-support, 11 for breaking and entering, 10 for vagrancy, 10 for assault, 6 for stealing, 5 for driving while under the influence, 4 held for sheriff, 3 for being disorderly, 3 for disturbance of peace, 2 for driving without license, 2 held for court, 2 held for police, 2 ran away from jail, 2 for fugitive from justice, 2 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor child, and one each for hunting and trapping without license, violation of probation, careless or negligent drive, beating wife, counterfeit check, hit and run, felonious assault on female, fraudulent sale, unnatural act, incest, armed robbery, and lasciviousness.

Respectfully,

ROYAL E. McGIRR,

Master.

RECORD OF PRISONERS AT CHESHIRE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION  
FROM JANUARY 1, 1956, TO JANUARY 1, 1957

| Name               | Age | Date of Admission | Received from | Date of Discharge | Nation-ality | Days Board | Remarks               |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Adams, Allen       | 44  | 2-18-56           | Jaffrey       | 4-11-56           | American     | 54         | Assault, drunk        |
| Ashley, Delbert    | 31  | 2-2-56            | Keene         | 2-16-56           | "            | 15         | Non-support           |
| Barrett, Arthur R. | 43  | 3-10-56           | "             | 6-20-56           | "            | 103        | "                     |
| Bardis, Windsor J. | 22  | 10-1-56           | "             |                   | "            | 92         | Aggr. assault         |
| Bemis, Avis        | 43  | 1-14-55           | "             |                   | "            | 11         | Stealing              |
| "                  | 44  | 10-20-56          | "             | 1-11-56           | "            | 27         | Drunk                 |
| Bishop, Harry D.   | 26  | 1-9-56            | Walpole       | 11-15-56          | "            | 1          | Hunt'g & Tra'g W/L    |
| Blake, Richard W.  | 36  | 10-6-56           | Keene         | 1-9-56            | "            | 63         | DWI                   |
| Bonn, Peter E.     | 19  | 11-3-56           | "             | 12-7-56           | "            | 59         | BEN                   |
| Bragg, Fred        | 18  | 11-21-56          | "             |                   | "            | 41         | B & E                 |
| Brandt, Enoch      | 47  | 12-20-55          | "             |                   | "            | 7          | Drunk                 |
| "                  | 47  | 1-18-56           | "             | 1-7-56            | "            | 7          | "                     |
| "                  | 47  | 4-14-56           | "             | 2-13-56           | "            | 27         | "                     |
| Brown, Percy       | 61  | 7-10-56           | "             | 5-10-56           | "            | 27         | "                     |
| Burnham, Charles   | 29  | 12-14-56          | "             | 8-5-56            | "            | 18         | Assault               |
| Canton, Edward     | 77  | 3-14-56           | "             | 4-9-56            | "            | 27         | Drunk                 |
| "                  | 77  | 4-26-56           | "             | 5-22-56           | "            | 27         | "                     |
| "                  | 77  | 6-6-56            | "             | 7-2-56            | "            | 27         | "                     |
| Carey, Arnold      | 23  | 6-23-56           | Winchester    | 7-4-56            | "            | 12         | Assault               |
| Chapin, Ruth       | 43  | 12-8-55           | Keene         | 1-3-56            | "            | 4          | Drunk                 |
| Chase, Evelyn      | 29  | 11-16-56          | "             | 12-12-56          | "            | 27         | Assault               |
| Clough, Harold     | 39  | 5-19-56           | Northwood     | 5-21-56           | "            | 3          | Hold for sheriff      |
| Croteau, Wilmer    | 42  | 6-26-56           | Keene         | 7-2-56            | "            | 7          | Non-support           |
| "                  | 42  | 9-21-56           | "             | 10-25-56          | "            | 35         | "                     |
| Cross, John D.     | 32  | 9-13-56           | "             | 9-24-56           | "            | 12         | B&E                   |
| "                  | 32  | 9-27-56           | "             |                   | "            | 96         | Run away Co. Jail     |
| Cutter, Alvin      | 24  | 10-20-56          | Winchester    | 10-22-56          | "            | 3          | Non-support           |
| "                  | 24  | 10-22-56          | Keene         | 11-17-56          | "            | 27         | DWL                   |
| Daily, Louis       | 52  | 1-7-56            | "             | 4-28-56           | Scotch       | 113        | Vagrancy              |
| Devenger, Richard  | 56  | 7-17-56           | Charlestown   | 7-18-56           | American     | 2          | Violation of Proba'on |
| Downing, Robert    | 21  | 7-7-56            | Keene         | 8-2-56            | "            | 27         | Careless & neg. dri'g |

RECORD OF PRISONERS AT CHESHIRE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION  
FROM JANUARY 1, 1956, TO JANUARY 1, 1957

| Name               | Age | Date of Admission | Received from | Date of Discharge | Nation-ality | Days in Board | Remarks               |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Dupell, Thomas     | 20  | 4-9-56            | Walpole       | 5-5-56            | American     | 27            | Drunk                 |
| Dutrisac, Leo      | 24  | 7-29-55           | Keene         | 1-10-56           | "            | 10            | Counterfeit check     |
| Fortier, Philip    | 58  | 11-23-55          | "             | 1-18-56           | "            | 57            | Drunk                 |
| "                  | 58  | 1-18-56           | "             | 3-20-56           | "            | 63            | "                     |
| Galway, John       | 51  | 8-18-56           | Walpole       | 10-10-56          | "            | 54            | Drunk                 |
| "                  | 51  | 10-13-56          | Keene         | 11-9-56           | "            | 28            | "                     |
| Goddard, Clayton   | 32  | 6-20-56           | "             | 7-8-56            | "            | 19            | Beating wife          |
| Goodwin, Peter     | 19  | 12-17-56          | Walpole       | "                 | "            | 49            | DWL                   |
| Graves, Dwight     | 48  | 11-14-55          | Keene         | "                 | "            | 7             | Vagrant               |
| "                  | 48  | 1-14-56           | "             | 1-7-56            | "            | 55            | "                     |
| "                  | 48  | 3-17-56           | "             | 3-8-56            | "            | "             | "                     |
| Guerrett, George   | 63  | 1-16-56           | Walpole       | 4-12-56           | "            | 27            | "                     |
| Guerrin, Geo. H.   | 46  | 9-8-56            | Hinsdale      | 1-28-56           | Canadian     | 13            | DWI, Hit, Run, DWL    |
| Guignard, Horace   | 70  | 12-17-56          | Jaffrey       | 9-11-56           | American     | 4             | DWI                   |
| Hammond,           | 20  | 6-8-56            | "             | "                 | "            | 49            | Hab. Drunk            |
| Lee Anders         | 20  | 7-31-56           | "             | 7-31-56           | "            | 54            | Disorderly            |
| Hayes, Llewelyn H. | 80  | 7-9-56            | Keene         | 9-13-56           | "            | 45            | Hold for Sup. Court   |
| Houle, Arthur      | 56  | 8-6-56            | Hinsdale      | 8-31-56           | "            | 54            | Drunk                 |
| Hussey, James      | 66  | 12-30-55          | "             | 9-1-56            | "            | 27            | "                     |
| Hizny, George      | 46  | 2-13-56           | Keene         | 3-29-56           | "            | 89            | Vagrant               |
| "                  | 46  | 4-6-56            | "             | 2-15-56           | "            | 3             | Drunk                 |
| "                  | 46  | 4-6-56            | "             | 4-17-56           | "            | 12            | "                     |
| "                  | 46  | 4-17-56           | "             | 9-29-56           | "            | 166           | Stealing              |
| Hytainen, Oscar    | 70  | 12-14-55          | Keene         | 1-12-56           | Finnish      | 12            | Vagrant               |
| "                  | 71  | 1-17-56           | "             | 3-10-56           | "            | 54            | "                     |
| Juniper, Lawrence  | 20  | 9-15-55           | "             | 8-9-56            | "            | 330           | Felonious as't (fem.) |
| Kakela, John       | 32  | 1-28-56           | Jaffrey       | 4-26-56           | American     | 90            | Fraudulent sale       |
| King, Ralph C.     | 29  | 9-13-56           | Keene         | 9-28-56           | "            | 16            | B&E                   |
| King, John         | "   | 11-11-56          | Hinsdale      | 11-12-56          | "            | 2             | Hold for police       |
| King, Elizabeth    | "   | 9-15-56           | "             | 9-17-56           | "            | 3             | Drunk                 |
| Kuehl, John        | 20  | 5-26-56           | Keene         | 6-27-56           | "            | 33            | B & E in night        |
| LaClair, Geo. L.   | 19  | 6-9-56            | "             | 7-6-56            | "            | 28            | Drunk & DWI           |

RECORD OF PRISONERS AT CHESHIRE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION  
FROM JANUARY 1, 1956, TO JANUARY 1, 1957

| Name                | Age | Date of Admission | Received from | Date of Discharge | Nation-ality | Days Board | Remarks                     |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Lane, Charles E.    | 19  | 12-24-56          | Keene         | 12-24-56          | American     | 1          | Drunk & Disorderly          |
| Lane, Delevan       | 21  | 10-2-56           | "             | 11-30-56          | "            | 60         | Tak. car with't claim       |
| Lang, Charles F.    | 41  | 10-20-56          | Jaffrey       | 10-22-56          | "            | 3          | Unnatural act               |
| Lynch, Robert F.    | 27  | 9-17-56           | Keene         | "                 | "            | 106        | B&E, Stealing               |
| Mahurin, David M.   | 27  | 11-9-56           | "             | 12-5-56           | "            | 27         | Assault                     |
| Mansur, Arthur J.   | 30  | 5-3-56            | "             | 5-4-56            | "            | 2          | Fugitive from Justice       |
| "                   | 30  | 6-29-56           | "             | 6-30-56           | "            | 2          | Non-support                 |
| "                   | 30  | 12-12-56          | "             | 12-13-56          | "            | 2          | Hold for sheriff            |
| McLaughlin, Francis | 59  | 8-6-56            | "             | 8-12-56           | "            | 7          | Drunk                       |
| McMilleon, Donald   | 21  | 7-13-56           | "             | 9-13-56           | "            | 63         | B&E                         |
| Morrill, Herman Jr. | 19  | 5-26-56           | "             | 6-27-56           | "            | 33         | B&E in night                |
| Morse, Aurilla      | 71  | 11-30-56          | "             | 12-11-56          | "            | 13         | Drunk                       |
| Mundell, Irvin F.   | 37  | 9-13-56           | "             | 9-24-56           | "            | 27         | B&E                         |
| "                   | 37  | 9-27-56           | "             | "                 | "            | 96         | Run away from jail          |
| Neely, William      | 26  | 2-22-56           | Walpole       | 2-24-56           | "            | 3          | Felony held for court       |
| "                   | 26  | 2-24-56           | "             | 8-7-56            | "            | 166        | Stealing                    |
| Nelson, Guy L.      | 30  | 3-24-56           | Winchester    | 3-26-56           | "            | 3          | Hold for sheriff            |
| Novik, William J.   | 48  | 7-9-56            | Keene         | 8-5-56            | Russian      | 28         | Drunk                       |
| O'Brien, Thomas     | 59  | 2-17-56           | Walpole       | 4-10-56           | American     | 54         | "                           |
| O'Shannon, Mikey    | 48  | 6-3-56            | "             | 6-4-56            | "            | 2          | "                           |
| Paddock, Robert     | 33  | 5-17-56           | Keene         | 5-17-56           | "            | 1          | Cont. to Del of minor child |
| "                   | 33  | 9-25-56           | "             | "                 | "            | 98         | Larceny                     |
| Parker, Warren      | 24  | 2-24-56           | "             | 3-21-56           | "            | 27         | Disturbance of peace        |
| Parsons, Stanley    | 44  | 5-7-56            | "             | 6-2-56            | "            | 27         | Drunk                       |
| Perkins, Guy        | 56  | 3-2-56            | "             | 8-16-56           | "            | 168        | "                           |
| Picard, Alpee       | 66  | 1-10-56           | "             | 2-5-56            | Canadian     | 27         | "                           |
| Pickard, Arthur E.  | 30  | 3-28-56           | Jaffrey       | 6-17-56           | American     | 82         | Drunk & disorderly          |
| Pickalow, Geno      | 72  | 4-4-56            | Keene         | 4-14-56           | Russian      | 11         | Drunk                       |
| Provencher, Donald  | 30  | 6-13-56           | "             | 6-26-56           | American     | 14         | Hold for sheriff            |
| "                   | 30  | 9-16-56           | "             | 9-17-56           | "            | 2          | B&E&L                       |
| Pike, Reginald D.   | 23  | 1-31-56           | Jaffrey       | 2-16-56           | "            | 17         | Incest                      |

RECORD OF PRISONERS AT CHESHIRE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION  
FROM JANUARY 1, 1956, TO JANUARY 1, 1957

| Name                | Age | Date of Admission | Received from | Date of Discharge | Nationality | Days in Prison | Remarks               |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Quinn, Guy H. Jr.   | 36  | 4-13-56           | Keene         | 4-14-56           | American    | 2              | Non-support           |
| Rand, Milton        | 29  | 6-7-55            | "             | 5-2-56            | "           | 123            | Armed robbery         |
| Reed, Carrel        | 46  | 5-16-56           | "             | 5-17-56           | "           | 2              | Non-support           |
| Reed, Joseph        | 56  | 6-22-56           | "             | 7-18-56           | "           | 27             | Vagrant               |
| Rice, Frank         | 33  | 9-13-56           | "             | 10-9-56           | "           | 27             | Assault               |
| Rich, Lawrence      | 22  | 3-24-56           | Rindge        | 3-29-56           | "           | 6              | Hold for police       |
| Robinson, Carl      | 32  | 10-11-56          | Keene         | 11-6-56           | "           | 27             | Assault               |
| Roland, George      | 73  | 7-19-56           | "             | 8-14-56           | Irish       | 27             | Vagrancy              |
| Saari, Henry        | 37  | 7-13-56           | Keene         | 7-20-56           | American    | 8              | DWI                   |
| "                   | 37  | 7-20-56           | "             | 9-11-56           | "           | 54             | DWI                   |
| Sabolevski, Koster  | 38  | 6-26-56           | "             | 6-26-56           | "           | 1              | Non-support           |
| Scarborough, Robert | 25  | 1-13-56           | "             | 12-7-56           | "           | 330            | Assault & Stealing    |
| Shonamon, Hansel H. | 52  | 11-23-55          | "             | 5-5-56            | "           | 126            | Lascivious behavior   |
| Stephens, John      | 33  | 12-9-56           | "             | "                 | "           | 23             | Non-support           |
| Stewart, Charles    | 55  | 6-9-56            | "             | "                 | "           | 54             | Drunk                 |
| "                   | 55  | 8-3-56            | "             | 8-1-56            | "           | 27             | "                     |
| Stoddard, George    | 83  | 2-17-56           | "             | 8-29-56           | "           | 54             | Vagrant               |
| Stone, Harry F.     | 18  | 6-13-56           | "             | 4-10-56           | "           | 27             | Stealing ring         |
| "                   | 18  | 11-3-56           | "             | 7-8-56            | "           | 27             | Disorderly conduct    |
| "                   | 18  | 12-19-56          | "             | 11-29-56          | "           | 13             | Drunk                 |
| Sullivan, Joseph    | 50  | 8-6-56            | "             | 9-1-56            | "           | 27             | "                     |
| Tedford, Forrest    | 37  | 2-4-56            | "             | 12-29-56          | "           | 331            | Non-support           |
| Thompson, "         | 58  | 1-26-56           | "             | 2-21-56           | "           | 27             | "                     |
| "                   | 58  | 5-10-56           | "             | 7-4-56            | "           | 56             | "                     |
| Thurston, Carleton  | 25  | 12-24-56          | "             | 12-29-56          | "           | 6              | Fugitive from Justice |
| Walker, Francis W.  | 50  | 8-14-56           | "             | 10-4-56           | "           | 52             | Stealing              |
| Waterman, Stanley   | 38  | 3-10-56           | "             | 4-28-56           | "           | 50             | Non-support           |
| Wheeler, Alice      | 23  | 7-17-56           | "             | 7-18-56           | "           | 2              | Disturb. of peace     |
| Wheeler, George     | 28  | 7-17-56           | "             | 8-13-56           | "           | 28             | "                     |
| Wheeler, Harold E.  | 53  | 1-18-56           | "             | 4-7-56            | "           | 81             | Drunk                 |
| Wilber, Norman D.   | 48  | 4-12-56           | "             | 11-29-56          | "           | 132            | Non-support           |
| Wiren, Reino E.     | 45  | 4-18-56           | "             | 4-19-56           | "           | 2              | Hit & run, DWI        |
| Wright, Mary        | 18  | 6-8-56            | Jaffrey       | 8-1-56            | "           | 55             | Disorderly            |
| Vorce, Windsor W.   | 33  | 12-18-56          | Keene         | "                 | "           | 14             | Assault               |

# REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

## SEPTEMBER TERM, 1955

|                                          | Cr.        | Dr.        |
|------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To allowance for Clerk and clerical hire |            | \$3,052 42 |
| To recording permanent records           |            | 341 55     |
| To charges to County                     |            |            |
| Return of 47 divorces etc., @ \$.65      |            | 30 55      |
| 8 mittimus                               |            | 8 00       |
| 27 capias                                |            | 27 00      |
| Entry fee, 9 state                       |            | 22 50      |
| 1 reciprocal                             |            | 2 50       |
| To cash paid out:                        |            |            |
| Postage and incidentals                  |            | 9 00       |
| Motor Vehicle Dept., fines               |            | 77 60      |
| By credits:                              |            |            |
| Costs received                           | \$98 90    |            |
| Motor Vehicle Dept. fines received       | 77 60      |            |
| Sale of dockets, 23 @ \$2.00             | 64 00      |            |
| 218 entries @ \$2.50                     | 545 00     |            |
| (130 Civil, No. 9240-9369                |            |            |
| 60 Equity, No. 5560-5630 (no entry fee   |            |            |
| on No. 5562 & 5601)                      |            |            |
| 11 Appeals                               |            |            |
| 8 Sessions No. 285-292)                  |            |            |
| Items chargeable to County               | 90 55      |            |
| Other fees for benefit of County         | 123 50     |            |
| Miscellaneous credits                    | 10 86      |            |
| Drawn on County Treasurer:               |            |            |
| September 30, 1955                       | \$429 92   |            |
| October 31, 1955                         | 466 73     |            |
| November 30, 1955                        | 432 45     |            |
| December 31, 1955                        | 730 68     |            |
| January 31, 1956                         | 518 93     |            |
|                                          | <hr/>      |            |
|                                          | 2,578 71   |            |
|                                          | <hr/>      |            |
|                                          | \$3,571 12 | \$3,571 12 |

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through January 31, 1956.

February 6, 1956.

GEORGE R. GRANT, JR.,  
Presiding Justice.

A true copy, Attest:

CHARLES J. CONTAS, Clerk.

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**FEBRUARY TERM, 1956**

|                                          | Cr.        | Dr.        |
|------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To allowance for Clerk and clerical hire |            | \$4,604 75 |
| To recording permanent records           |            | 919 20     |
| To charges to County                     |            |            |
| Return of 46 divorces etc. @ \$.65       |            | 29 90      |
| 8 mittimus                               |            | 8 00       |
| 28 capias                                |            | 28 00      |
| Entry fee, 25 state cases                |            | 62 50      |
| To cash paid out:                        |            |            |
| Postage and incidentals                  |            | 21 75      |
| Motor Vehicle Dept. fines                |            | 60 00      |
| By credits:                              |            |            |
| Costs received                           | \$141 70   |            |
| Fines received                           | 225 00     |            |
| Motor Vehicle Department fines received  | 60 00      |            |
| Sale of dockets, 23 @ \$2.00             | 46 00      |            |
| 294 entries @ \$2.50                     | 735 00     |            |
| (158 Civil, No. 9370-9527                |            |            |
| 114 Equity No. 5631-5751 (no entry       |            |            |
| fee on No. 5670-5681-5691-               |            |            |
| 2-3; 5707-5727)                          |            |            |
| 10 appeals                               |            |            |
| 12 Sessions No. 293-305 (no entry        |            |            |
| fee on No. 293)                          |            |            |
| Items chargeable to County               | 128 40     |            |
| Other fees for benefit of County         | 182 20     |            |
| Miscellaneous credits                    | 94         |            |
| Drawn on County Treasurer:               |            |            |
| February 29, 1956                        | \$400 84   |            |
| March 31, 1956                           | 740 94     |            |
| April 30, 1956                           | 231 88     |            |
| May 31, 1956                             | 879 38     |            |
| June 30, 1956                            | 503 69     |            |
| July 31, 1956                            | 557 96     |            |
| August 31, 1956                          | 900 17     |            |
|                                          |            |            |
|                                          | 4,214 86   |            |
|                                          |            |            |
|                                          | \$5,734 10 | \$5,734 10 |

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through August 31, 1956.

September 8, 1956

JOHN H. LEAHY,  
Presiding Justice.

A true copy, Attest:

CHARLES J. CONTAS, Clerk.

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## REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

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I submit herewith my report as Solicitor for Cheshire County for the period January 1, 1956, through December 31, 1956. This report includes a list of all cases involving felonies and misdemeanors which were processed through my office.

### FELONIES

#### STATE V. ROBERT F. SCARBOROUGH

Robbery. Indictment waived. Plea: Guilty, Sentence, 1 year in House of Correction. Committed.

#### STATE V. CHESTER W. HOWARD, JR.

Robbery. Indicted by grand jury. Plea. Not guilty. Trial by jury. Verdict, guilty. Sentence, 2-4 years States Prison. Committed.

#### STATE V. EUGENE E. HOWARD

Robbery. Indictment waived. Plea: Guilty. Sentence, Not more than 3 or less than 1 year in State Prison. Committed.

#### STATE V. EUGENE E. HOWARD

Larceny. Indictment waived. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

#### STATE V. RAYMOND PRATT

Statutory Rape. Indictment nol prossed. Information for lewdness. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

#### STATE V. REGINALD DALE PIKE

Incest and Statutory Rape. Indicted by grand jury. Plea: Not guilty. Awaiting trial.

#### STATE V. RALPH KING

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—2 counts. Indicted by grand jury. Plea: guilty. Continued for sentence (both cases).

## STATE V. PETER F. GILLESPIE

Reckless Driving Death Resulting. Grand jury returned no bill.

## STATE V. JEROME T. HOULE

Reckless Driving Death Resulting. Grand jury returned no bill.

## STATE V. DONALD E. WEBBER

Non support. Indicted by grand jury. Indictment on file.

## STATE V. EDWARD WAY

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—2 counts. Indicted by grand jury. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence (both cases).

## STATE V. DONALD McMILLEON

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—4 counts. Indicted by grand jury. Plea: Guilty on all 4 counts. Continued for sentence.

## STATE V. ANTHONY FINNERAL

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—4 counts. Indicted by grand jury. Awaiting trial.

## STATE V. ALBERT SPAGNUOLA

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—4 counts. Indicted by grand jury. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

## STATE V. RUDOLPH MEZZANOTTI

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—4 counts. Indicted by grand jury. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

## STATE V. LEE ANDER HAMMONDS

Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Indicted by Grand Jury. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

## STATE V. HARRY F. STONE

Larceny of Automobile. Grand jury returned No Bill.

## STATE V. ARMAND V. BEDARD

Reckless driving death resulting. Indicted by Grand Jury. Plea: Not Guilty. Plea retracted to guilty. Sentence, \$300.00 fine—\$100.00 suspended.

## STATE V. RALPH KING

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—2 counts. Indictment waived. Plea: Guilty. Sentence, 6 months in House of Correction.

## STATE V. T. CHARLES COOKE

Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Indictment waived. Plea: Guilty. Sentence, 3-5 years in Prison.

## STATE V. WINDSOR BARDIS

Aggravated Assault. Indicted by grand jury. Plea: Guilty.  
Sentence, 1 year at County Jail.

## STATE V. IRVIN F. MUNDELL

Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Indicted by grand jury.  
Plea: Guilty. Sentence, 6 months in House of Correction.

## STATE V. JOHN D. CROSS

Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Indicted by Grand Jury.  
Plea: Guilty. Sentence, 6 months in House of Correction.

## STATE V. JOHN J. McKEON

Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Indicted by grand jury.  
Plea: guilty. Sentence, 1-3 years in State Prison.

## STATE V. CARL A. LAGERBERG

Breaking, Entering and Larceny—3 counts. Indicted by  
grand jury. Plea: Guilty. Sentence, 6 months in County Jail.

## STATE V. JOHN B. CROSBY, SR.

Reckless Driving Death Resulting. Indicted by grand jury.  
Plea: Not Guilty. Trial by jury. Verdict, Not Guilty.

## STATE V. KENNETH E. YOUNG

Reckless Driving Death Resulting. Indicted by grand jury.  
Plea: Not Guilty. Pleaded guilty to gross carelessness.

## STATE V. JAMES INGALLS

Reckless Driving Death Resulting. Indicted by grand  
jury. Plea: Not Guilty. Pleaded guilty. Fine \$500.00, sus-  
pended.

## STATE V. JOHN STEPHENS

Non Support. Indicted by grand jury. Indictment on file.

## STATE V. CHARLES LANE

Larceny. Grand jury returned No Bill.

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**APPEALS**

## STATE V. HERBERT LAMBERT

Assault—2 counts. Nol Prossed.

## STATE V. DONALD F. ABRAMS

Assault on officer—2 counts. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$50.00.

## STATE V. DONALD F. ABRAMS

Failure to produce license. Nol Prossed.

## STATE V. RODNEY K. ROBINSON

Assault on officer. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$50.00.

STATE V. JOHN L. CROTO  
Carelessness and Negligence. Nol Prossed.

STATE V. ROBERT W. SULLIVAN  
Speeding. Nol Prossed.

STATE V. COBURN BATES  
Leaving the scene of an accident. Plea: Nolo. Fine \$100.00.  
\$50.00 suspended.

STATE V. WALTER BOURASSA  
Operate after suspension. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$50.00, \$40.00  
suspended.

STATE V. ELOISE C. MOSLEY  
Speeding. Nol Prossed.

STATE V. ELDRIDGE J. HAYWOOD, JR.  
Reckless driving. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$50.00.

STATE V. KENNETH L. SHORT  
Operate after suspension. Plea: Not Guilty. Trial by jury.  
Verdict, Not Guilty.

STATE V. GEORGE N. KENDALL  
Permitted unlicensed person to operate. Plea: Not Guilty.  
Trial by jury. Verdict: Not Guilty.

STATE V. ONA G. BROWN  
Unnecessary noise. Nol prossed.

STATE V. BASIL WILBUR  
Assault on officer. Plea: Guilty. 30 days in House of  
Correction, suspended.

STATE V. OIVA JARVI  
Driving While Intoxicated. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$100.00.  
License suspended for 60 days.

STATE V. EDWARD PARSONS  
Derisive Words. Nol Prossed.

STATE V. HARRY M. CARON  
Driving while intoxicated. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$100.00.

STATE V. ROBERT W. PADDOCK  
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor. Plea: Guilty.  
Appeal on sentence. Appeal dismissed. 1 year in House of Cor-  
rection. Committed.

STATE V. DONALD E. COOLIDGE  
Driving While Intoxicated. Plea: Not Guilty. Trial by  
jury. Verdict, Guilty. Fine \$100.00.

In addition to the above matters, my office processed a variety of items for the County Commissioners, the New Hampshire Public Welfare Department and various Municipal Courts throughout the county.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Cheshire County Commissioners, Attorney General's office, the Sheriff's department, Keene Police Department and all other law enforcement agencies in Cheshire County for their assistance in the year 1956.

Very respectfully submitted,  
J. T. CRISTIANO,  
County Solicitor.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT 1956

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Voters of Cheshire County:

As Sheriff of Cheshire County, I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

To the Federal Bureau of Investigation, The State Police, the Motor Vehicle Department, the Keene Police Department, all other Law Enforcement Officers, and to the citizens of Cheshire County, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the cooperation and assistance received in many cases. This assistance has aided in bringing many respondents before our Courts where Justice has prevailed. I wish to express my gratitude to the Elliot Community Hospital and the Foley Ambulance Service for making possible twenty-four hour radio communications which have greatly facilitated the work of the Department.

Following is a summary of cases which have been investigated and arrests which have been made by the Department during the year 1956:

### Investigations

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Arson                          | 3  |
| Assault                        | 1  |
| Breaking and Entering          | 12 |
| Breaking, Entering and Larceny | 26 |
| Cars Stolen                    | 2  |
| Larceny                        | 43 |
| Malicious Damage to Property   | 29 |
| Sex Crimes                     | 7  |
| Complaints of Minor Nature     | 47 |
| Sudden Deaths                  |    |
| Natural Causes                 | 2  |
| Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents  | 3  |

|                                  |   |       |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|
| Suicide                          | 3 |       |
| Drowning                         | 1 |       |
|                                  |   | <hr/> |
|                                  |   | 9     |
| Lost Persons                     |   | 5     |
| Lost Children                    |   | 7     |
| Patients taken to State Hospital |   | 10    |
| Minors to Industrial School      |   | 9     |
| Juvenile Respondents             |   | 39    |
| Arrests Made                     |   |       |
| Contempt                         |   | 33    |
| Non Support                      |   | 26    |
| Unemployment Violation           |   | 5     |
| Larceny                          |   | 6     |
| For Other States and Counties    |   | 8     |
| B. E. & L.                       |   | 7     |
| Escapees                         |   | 2     |
| Bastardy                         |   | 2     |
| Malicious Damage to Property     |   | 2     |
| Sex Crimes                       |   | 2     |
| Embezzlement                     |   | 1     |
| Assault                          |   | 1     |
| Drunk, Disturbing the Peace      |   | 1     |
| Disorderly                       |   | 2     |
| Zoning Violation                 |   | 1     |
| Reckless Driving                 |   | 1     |
| Driving after Revocation         |   | 1     |

The following is an Account of Expenses for Superior Court Special Session January 13, 1956.

Sheriff Frank W. Walker

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 1 day @ \$10.00      | \$10 00 |
| Mileage, 2 mi. per day, 1 day @ \$.20 | 20      |

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\$10 20

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 1 day @ \$10.00        | \$10 00 |
| Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 1 day @ \$3.20 | 3 20    |
| One meal per day, 1 day @ \$1.00        | 1 00    |

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\$14 20

The following is an Account of Expenses for Superior Court for the February term.

Sheriff Frank W. Walker

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Court Attendance 59 days @ \$10.00      | \$590 00 |
| Mileage, 2 mi. per day, 59 days @ \$.20 | 11.80    |

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\$601 80

## Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Court Attendance 26 days @ \$10.00        | \$260 00 |
| Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 26 days @ \$3.20 | 83 20    |
| One meal per day, 25 days @ \$1.00        | 25 00    |
| (1 day out for Jury dinner)               |          |

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 \$368 20

## Deputy Sheriff V. Richard Chambers

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 7 days @ \$10.00         | \$70 00 |
| Court Attendance 3 half days @ \$5.00     | 15 00   |
| Mileage, 4 miles per day, 10 days @ \$.40 | 4 00    |

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 \$89 00

## Deputy Sheriff Lucien Vigneault

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 5 days @ \$10.00        | \$50 00 |
| Mileage, 36 mi. per day, 5 days @ \$3.60 | 18 00   |
| One meal per day, 5 days @ \$1.00        | 5 00    |

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 \$73 00

## Deputy Sheriff Don J. Williams

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 2 half days @ \$5.00  | \$10 00 |
| Mileage, 2 mi. per day, 2 days @ \$.20 | 40      |

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 \$10 40

The following is an Account of Expenses for Superior Court Special Session June 6, 1956.

## Sheriff Frank W. Walker

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 1 day @ \$10.00      | \$10 00 |
| Mileage, 2 mi. per day, 1 day @ \$.20 | 20      |

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 \$10 20

## Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 1 day @ \$10.00        | \$10 00 |
| Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 1 day @ \$3.20 | 3 20    |
| One meal per day, 1 day @ \$1.00        | 1 00    |

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 \$14 20

The following is an Account of Expenses for Superior Court Special Session August 27, 1956.

## Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 1 day @ \$10.00        | \$10 00 |
| Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 1 day @ \$3.20 | 3 20    |
| One meal per day, 1 day @ \$1.00        | 1 00    |

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 \$14 20

The following is an Account of Expenses for Superior Court for the September Term.

Sheriff Frank W. Walker

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Court Attendance 46 days @ \$10.00      | \$460 00 |
| Mileage, 2 mi. per day, 46 days @ \$.20 | 9 20     |

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\$469 20

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Court Attendance 24 days @ \$10.00        | \$240 00 |
| Court Attendance 1 night @ \$10.00        | 10 00    |
| Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 24 days @ \$3.20 | 76 80    |
| One meal per day, 24 days @ \$1.00        | 24 00    |

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\$350 80

Deputy Sheriff V. Richard Chambers

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 3 days @ \$10.00     | \$30 00 |
| Mileage, 4 m. per day, 3 days @ \$.40 | 1 20    |

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\$31 20

Deputy Sheriff Dennis J. Griffin

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 6 days @ \$10.00        | \$60 00 |
| Mileage, 44 mi. per day, 6 days @ \$4.40 | 26 40   |
| One meal per day, 6 days @ \$1.00        | 6 00    |

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\$92 40

Deputy Sheriff Ernest L. Goodall

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 6 days @ \$10.00        | \$60 00 |
| Mileage, 42 mi. per day, 6 days @ \$4.20 | 25 20   |
| One meal per day, 6 days @ \$1.00        | 6 00    |

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\$91 20

Deputy Sheriff Lucien Vigneault

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|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Court Attendance 4 days @ \$10.00       | \$40 00 |
| Court Attendance 1 night @ \$10.00      | 10 00   |
| Mileage 36 mi. per day, 4 days @ \$3.60 | 14 40   |
| One meal per day, 4 days @ \$1.00       | 4 00    |

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\$68 40

Deputy Sheriff Don J. Williams

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| Court Attendance ½ day @ \$5.00    | \$5 00 |
| Mileage 2 mi. per day, 1 day \$.20 | 20     |

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Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. WALKER,  
Sheriff.



